



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu"**

March 10, 2012

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" has helped to successfully transition military veterans and their families into permanent living through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive support; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" began serving the homeless population in March of 2007 and has since served over 2,083 individuals in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu", with its 117 onsite rooms, is able to serve 300 men, women and children daily; since 2007, Pai'olu Kaiaulu has provided 99,453 bed nights, served 61,903 meals, enrolled 685 clients, and provided 13,545 counseling contacts with clients and has made over 9,000 referrals to outside agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" has two sites in:

- Barbers Point – which focuses on providing shelter and housing to single, homeless veterans, and
- Wai'anae – which places an emphasis on housing married veterans and those with families; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" also provides services to individuals, couples and families from the community that are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu", through collaborative efforts with other agencies and organizations, has provided onsite training in areas such as English as a Second Language (ESL), health and nutrition, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) sobriety, online job search, housing application processes, exercise, smoking cessation, personal care, Hawaiian language, life skills and parenting; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" provides personalized case management, assistance with referrals to alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs, back-to-work training, educational assistance and mentorship; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" recognizes the dedication and commitment of its staff that works tirelessly to achieve goals designated by U.S. Vets and the State of Hawai'i and has provided a much needed service of positive transitioning to provide them with permanent housing solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, "Pai'olu Kaiaulu" will be celebrating its fifth anniversary on Saturday, March 10, 2012;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2012 as**

## **"PAI'OLU KAIAULU DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the 5th anniversary of the U.S. VETS Wai'anae Civic Center, known as Pai'olu Kaiaulu, and its contributions to the well-being and health of our veterans.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-first day of February, 2012.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

**Governor, State of Hawai'i**

**BRIAN SCHATZ**

**Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i**